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1. SIILASVUO WILL VISIT BEIRUT APRIL 24. HE HAS REQUESTED
APPOINTMENT WITH BOUTROS. HE PLANS TO STAY OVERNIGHT AND
ALSO HOPES TO SEE AMBASSADOR PARKER.

2. SYG'S PARTY INFORMED SIILASVUO OF OUR SUGGESTION FOR
HIGH LEVEL US POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT. SIILASVUO
REACTED NEGATIVELY, DEMANDING TO KNOW WHAT HIS ROLE WOULD
THEN BE? I EXPLAINED RATIONALE AS GIVEN BY USUN TO UN
SECRETARIAT BUT HE REMAINED UNCONVINCED.

3. SIILASVUO IS AWARE WE DO NOT THINK COL ESPANASY
IS UP TO THE JOB. AS SEEN BY SIILASVUO, THIS IS JUST THE
KIND OF PERSON HE BELIEVES SHOULD BE IN BEIRUT AND ALLUDES TO
SEVERE PROBLEMS IN THE PAST WHEN UN REPS HAVE NOT SHOWN GOOD
JUDGEMENT IN COMPLICATED LEBANESE POLITICAL SITUATION.

4. SIILASVUO ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS ON GROUNDS OF RANK.
IN ORDER TO HAVE ACCESS TO BOUTROS ET AL, UN REP SHOULD BE AT
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UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL LEVEL. URQUHART COULD NOT BE
SPARED FROM UNNY AND IN SIILASVUO'S VIEW THERE IS NO
OTHER SUITABLE POSSIBILITY.

5. I'M SURE AMBASSADOR PARKER WILL MAKE PERSUASIVE CASE
FOR A RESIDENT HIGH LEVEL UN REP. SUGGEST HE STRESS
THAT LATTER, WHEN AND IF APPOINTED, SHOULD HAVE HIS

ACTIVITIES COORDINATED WITH THOSE OF SIILASVUO. IN THE MEANTIME, SIILASVUO SHOULD BE URGED TO MAKE FREQUENT TRIPS FOR MEETINGS WITH BOUTROS WITH POSSIBILITY OF SENDING PRIETO FOR LESS IMPORTANT MATTERS. SIILASVUO ASSURED ME HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO BEIRUT ANY TIME AMBASSADOR PARKER THOUGHT HIS PRESENCE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE,

6. ANOTHER SUBJECT. I OBSERVED BOTH WALDHEIM AND URQUHART WERE BADLY SHAKEN BY THEIR EXPERIENCE IN TYRE APRIL 18 WHEN ARMED PLO FIGHTERS SURROUNDED THEIR CAR, POUNDED ON IT AND SHOUTED FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL. SIILASVUO SAYS URQUHART WILL INFORM PLO REP TERZI THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR HAD NOT DONE PALESTIANIAN CAUSE ANY GOOD.

7. BEHAVIOR OF SYRIANS. WALDHEIM AND URQUHART NOSES ARE ALSO OUT OF JOINT BECAUSE KHADDAM NOT ONLY REFUSED TO MEET SYG IN BEIRUT BUT DIDNOT EVEN SEND A REP. SIILASVUO NOTED SYG HAD DONE MANY FAVORS OF A FACE-SAVING NATURE FOR SYRIA, AND THIS WAS POOR TREATMENT. HOWEVER, SYRIANS HAVE NO MANNERS. NEWLIN

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